

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7 and 9-12 as follows. Please add new claims 13-20.

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~in a communication system for processing incoming requests at a controller entity~~, comprising:

registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user in a controller entity;

receiving a request at the controller entity for a communication link to the user;

querying a user information storage for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request; and

processing the request in accordance with the information from the user information storage.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the querying ~~step~~ comprises querying the user information storage which stores a user profile including at least two predefined options concerning how to handle requests for the user.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the querying ~~step~~ comprises querying the user information storage which stores the user profile including the at least two predefined options comprising proxy the request to only

a single contact address, proxy the request to all known contact addresses at once, or proxy the request sequentially to the known contact addresses.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed claim 1, wherein the registering ~~step~~ comprises registering the plurality of contact addresses for the user in the controller entity which is provided in association with a multimedia network.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registering ~~step~~ comprises the user registering the contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processing ~~step~~ occurs in accordance with the information from the user information storage if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the querying ~~step~~ comprises applying a query to a sub-group of the known contact addresses.

8. (Original) A method as claimed claim 1, further comprising indicating and assigning handling instructions for at least one contact address independently during registration of the at least one contact address.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ~~step of~~ indicating and assigning comprises indicating and handling the handling instructions for the at least one contact address by either the user or the user information storage.

10. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~configured to service a user with a plurality of contact addresses, the communication system comprising:~~

a multimedia network provided with a controller entity ~~wherein the contact addresses of a user are registered~~ configured to register contact addresses of a user; and

a user information storage configured to store information regarding a manner regarding how to handle a request for the user,

wherein the controller entity is configured to query the user information storage and configured to process requests for connections to the user in accordance with the information queried from the user information storage.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A controller entity for a multimedia network, An apparatus, comprising:~~

a register ~~for registering~~ configured to register a plurality of contact addresses for a user; and

an interface to a user information storage configured to store information regarding a manner regarding how to handle a request for the user,

~~wherein the controller entity being apparatus is~~ configured to query the user information storage and configured to process requests for connections to the user in accordance with the information from the user information storage.

12. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~for processing incoming requests at a controller entity~~, comprising:

registering means for registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user in a controller entity;

receiving means for receiving a request at the controller entity for a communication link to the user;

querying means for querying a user information storage for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request; and

processing means for processing the request in accordance with the information from the user information storage.

13. (New) A communication system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the user information storage is further configured to store a user profile including at least two predefined options concerning how to handle requests for the user.

14. (New) A communication system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the user information storage is further configured to store the user profile including the at least two predefined options comprising proxy the request to only a single contact address, proxy the request to all known contact addresses at once; or proxy the request sequentially to the known contact addresses.

15. (New) A communication system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the controller entity is further configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the user information storage only if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses.

16. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the apparatus is further configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the user information storage only if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses.

17. (New) A user information storage, comprising:

a user profile;

wherein the user information storage is configured to store information regarding how to handle a request for connection to a user having a plurality of registered contact

addresses and to respond to a query from a controller entity with information regarding the manner how to process the request for connection.

18. (New) A user information storage as claimed in claim 17, said user profile including at least two predefined options concerning how to handle requests for a user associated with said user profile.

19. (New) A user information storage as claimed in claim 18, wherein the options comprise proxy the request to only a single contact address, proxy the request to all known contact addresses at once, or proxy the request sequentially to the known contact addresses.

20. (New) An apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

interface means for interfacing to storage means for storing information regarding how to handle a request for the user;

querying means for querying the storage means for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request; and

processing means for processing the request in accordance with the information from the storage means.